

OPPOSITION TO ELIMINATION OF 121.5 Mhz ELT EQUIPMENT

I wish to register my opposition to terminating use (manufacture, import, etc.) of ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) equipment operating on 121.5 Mhz. There are many legally-focused reasons, but mine is based on a simple principle of safety:

THERE ARE NUMEROUS 121.5 RECEIVERS IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND TO RECEIVE THIS SIGNAL, BUT ONLY THE SATELLITE SYSTEM TO RECEIVE ITS MODERN REPLACEMENT. THE 121.5 RECEIVERS INCLUDE MANY AIRCRAFT AND AIRPORTS WHO GUARD THIS FREQUENCY AT ALL TIMES, WITHOUT EXTRA COST, AND CAN PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AND DIRECT AID TO AN AIRCRAFT/PILOT IN TROUBLE. THE SATELLITE SYSTEM IS INDIRECT, AND NECESSITATES MANY LINKS BEFORE ASSISTANCE CAN BE SENT.

Thank you,

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